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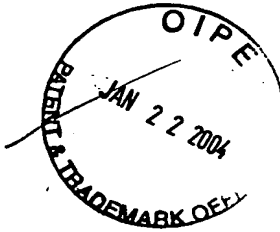
In re Application of

STEPHEN EWER ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/996,612

Filed: November 30, 2001

For: METHOD OF CONNECTING  
RACEWAYS WITH OR  
WITHOUT A FITTING BASE



PATENT

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Docket No. 42579

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Art Unit: 3729

Examiner: A. Tugbang

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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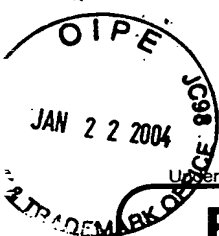
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1053 130	1053 130			Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520			For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1251 110	2251 55			Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210			Extension for reply within second month	
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1402 330	2402 165			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145			Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665			Petition to revive - unintentional	
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